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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application for Approval of an Affiliated Interest Agreement
Between McLeodUSA and Alliant Energy Corporation and
Its Subsidiaries, Including Wisconsin Power and Light
Company

6680-AU-111

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.52 and 196.795, to consider the application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) for approval of an affiliated interest agreement (Network Agreement) between McLeodUSA, and Alliant Energy Corporation (AEC) and its subsidiaries.

The Network Agreement provides for attachments of McLeodUSA telecommunications facilities on utility facilities, and provides for payment for these attachments by use of credits that AEC and its subsidiaries (including WP&L) can use on the McLeodUSA system. This agreement replaces a prior agreement between McLeodUSA and WP&L negotiated in 1996, with an effective date of April 7, 1997, prior to the time McLeodUSA became an affiliated interest of WP&L.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.84 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 6.03.

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Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Diane Braun at (608) 267-1200.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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